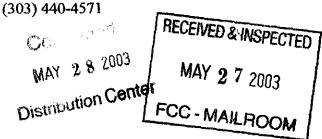
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I have recently heard about the potential of various restrictions that will be placed on the Freedom of speech, which has already been compromised by the decreasing number of businesses that have gained control over the media. The public radio is a resource therefore should not be sold to businesses which are the antithesis of information. Public radio is not to serve the interests of big business or Government. The nature of these two influences is to expurgate information that does not serve their interests and to promote an image with "Smoke and Mirrors" as opposed to the truth about what they really are. The rolling back of regulations on who could own the media is an execrable assault on the freedom of speech. I heard that the FCC vote on the destruction of the media will happen June 2nd. I have also heard that 72% of the USA do not know what you guys are up to. I also learned that the FCC Field Studies are questionable, that 95% are against concentration of power-ownership as well as relaxing regulations (Democracy Now 5/20/03). Harold Rosenberg's Commentary in the Chicago Tribune owned LA Times from 5/19/03 also confirms the potential corruption. It already looks blatantly like a monopoly- examples include: a few corporations now own all of the newspapers, Cable TV has 3 primary owners and so on.

I have heard that the son of Colin Powell- is running the FCC. It is in my opinion outright blatant nepotism when the control of the media is somehow connected to a Government official (especially the military sector) and thus will operate in the interest of propaganda for big business and/or Government. To me, it is comparable to Cheney and Haliburton, Rumsfeld and Bechtal and so on. When a "High official" in the Government has a son i.e. "Familial Crony" in the FCC, it is seen by many as corruption at its worst. It is even worse when it facilitates vast corruption of the Government and its Oil Interests to operate and use taxpayer's money to subsidize their profits unfettered and in secrecy because, the ability of this now corrupted FCC board will tend to censor the truth about what is going on. This has already happened to the mainstream media, which is embarrassingly narrow, obfuscatory, full of "emotionally potent oversimplifications" and sensationalized.

Chairman Powell! I hope you have a conscience? You and two others out of the so-called committee of five are considering being complicit in the destruction of the freedom of the media. It is bad enough that the Government is corporatizing everything in sight, but to destroy or pollute the last bastions of real news is obscene. Pacifica Radio is every bit as precious as the Museum of antiquities in Iraq- the hub of our civilization. Therefore you have a duty to protect it, not undermine and compromise it in the service of political criminals. Unfortunately, assessing the character of the present US administration, many of you view culture in general as less important than the totalitarian nature of the MBA President and his Petroleum permeated and anointed cabinet. Many of you are considering plundering that which the real Americans value-Democracy, Freedom of Expression, alternative points of view, art and culture, that is those who are not part of the herd that accepts the biased mediocrity that mass media dishes out in the service of big business and Government PR. I see that the very things that present a threat to the already naked administration you are the PR agents for is history and culture which translates to art and antiquity - the antithesis to commerce, and obviously a total disregard for alternative and balanced journalism, which represents democracy and serves the masses, not the "Lapdog" of the elite. You are nothing more than the military attaché to the government, which was attained by illegitimate means-a coups de tat. The model for this belief is the fact that US invaders of the defenseless country of Iraq guarded and secured the Ministry of Oil, and the Oil Wells, but watched on as the cultural heritage of that country got plundered. The GWB administration might be the most plebian as well as hated in history.

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The world looks at our news and the indoctrinated population as monolithic in their views because of a lack of information due to what Professor Herbert Schiller refers to as the "corporate control of the media" and thus the horrible corruption. Now that we have an MBA President and a cabinet of businessmen with a passion for exploitation of resources for personal gain and no regard for the populations involved in all of the countries being exploited. The gain of totalitarian control of the media is crucial in keeping the decision-making and legislation that affects us all a big secret and this administration is the most secretive, feared and hated in history. Of course as Noam Chomsky said, "Governments tend to coalesce around sources of private power" and thus reflect the values of the Corporations and not the masses. Who owns you?

I find that the only reliable source of information is with alternative radio and magazines, because they are not fettered within the indoctrinorial influence of the Government and Commerce. By now the population should have deduced that the Government has gone from being influenced by Big Business to actually being ruled and owned by Big Business, but the propaganda -stupidification machine is hard at work obfuscating alternative truths. Big business does not serve the people it serves itself so in fact the Bush cabinet is Anti-American and pro-selfinterests and seeks "conquests" at the expense of us taxpayers, the lives of the military and the security of the population of the world in my well versed opinion. That is I can compare and contrast Alternative news with the crap that is crammed down everyone's throat on a daily basis.

By the way what is it about Grace Digital Media taking over the media in Iraq? Are they the same bible thumping fanatics that are gaining control of portions of the media in the USA? I heard that the MBA president (AKA Little Bush or should I say Shrub or the Bush that thinks he burns in all Directions) is somehow affiliated with these arrogant creeps? Is this a Bible thumping digital conquest over Islamic media? Church and State should be kept separate here but to brazenly pollute the Iraqi airwaves with a religion that is every bit as antiquated as Islamic is really a sin. Christ would not allow it.

Anyone with a brain knows that "Embedded Media" is a joke, that when questions are asked to let's say Ted Koppel the delay has as much to do with the relay of the question through Georgia to decide what answers are appropriate or fit for consumption by the masses. The "Media that is fit to Print" should follow with, "For Whom?" "What purpose does it serve?"

Why don't you do your job and uphold freedom of speech and clean your committee of all of its corruption? Be real Americans, not the guys who serve the interests of international corporations who have no allegiance to the USA -except to exploit freely the vast power of the military fraudulently and receive subsidies from us taxpayers. By the way what Nietzsche referred to as the "Uber Mensche" was misconstrued by the Nazi's as well as the current USA Government. Nietzsche was talking about the potential greatness of the leaders of humanity not oppressive mediocrity assuming power over others. The "Over Man" demonstrates great selfdiscipline and achieves a higher level of consciousness than the "Herd," he has control over mere animality and thus does not act like a predator. I brought this information in because I heard an interview on the radio about the misconstruing of Hegel's and Nietzsche's political philosophy by the Nazi's and the IJS Government. Bush and his cabinet have no regard for high culture, are antiquated in their belief systems and are naked in their animalistic acts of dominance over the world for what is the "Big Prize," the oil industry-an obsolete source of fuel and do not kid Choma Stubbs

Sincerely: Thomas Stubbs 5/01/03

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The Honorable Kevin Martin Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Martin:

Congratulations on your well-thought-out remarks at the January 22 Association of Television Programming Executives Family Programming Forum.

I was active in TV programming ("Night Court--The Black Robe") when the TV "network" was a coaxial cable linking New York, Philadelphia and Washington. (Then and previouly, I was supervisor of "Gangbusters.") We had such grand hopes for TV! Now, I watch regularly no more than three shows a week on broadcast TV. I worry about the TV my grandchidren watch, especially on cable, of course.

Thank God for people on the FCC like you!

Sincerely,

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Dear Ms. Wernathy;

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I have been a strong Republican for the last forty years but I have finally become convenced that this is true they only care about the wealthy. The changes the FCC made in 1996 were a total mistake which benefited only big business.

Now you want to completely eliminate competition and put if in the hands of three or four patienal and

International corporations.

This country should be made up of numerous business owners not just a few corporations. De regulation has been a failure in all fields that it has been tried. It has also destroyed alat of lives and jobs. To back to the rules prior to 1996.

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Michael Powell, Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell,

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I am very concerned about the Federal Communications Commission relaxing media ownership rules. Since 1996, increased consolidation among media outlets has resulted in fewer independent voices and less programming and news coverage devoted to local issues. This concentration of mass media is not healthy for a democracy to thrive: the few owners can choose what messages are heard by the majority of Americans.

Today, five conglomerates dominate the television news media. These companies own television networks and affiliates, radio stations, cable systems, Internet service providers, and program production companies. Five of them control over two thirds of the programming that appears on primetime television.

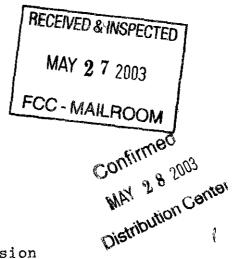
A healthy democratic society should ensure the freedom to air many different points of view, thereby encouraging vigorous dialogue and debate. Concentrating the control of the media in just a few hands restricts the flow of information and is a threat to our democratic way of life.

Please do not relax media ownership rules without thorough public debate. The public should decide on an issue of such great import. We must not weaken the public's access to a diversity of viewpoints. Our democracy depends on it!

Thank you for your consideration of my views.

Sincerely yours,

Martin L. Jones, M.D.



Chairman Michael K. Powell Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

You will be voting on a measure early in June, that will result in further consolidation of media outlets in the hands of the very wealthy and very powerful.

I am old enough to remember when there was much greater diversity and opinion, be it on television, or radio.

To limit speech/opinion in the hands of a very few is unAmerican.

Please do the right thing.

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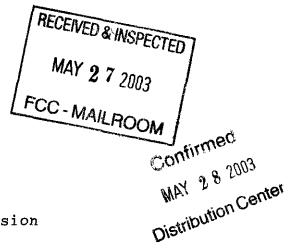
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Mr. Michael K. Powell, Chairperson Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street S.W. Washington, DC 20554

Dear Mr. Powell:

I have been following with great concern the debate about the June 2nd FCC meeting to vote on allowing consolidation of media into a few large media conglomerates.

I am against any further consolidation of media, I think there is already far too much consolidation. We hear & see the same voices & persons expressing the same point of view on our radios & televisions.

A free & diverse media is vitally important in a free society. I believe that the proposed consolidation is a danger to the free & open exchange of information, one of the hallmarks of a free society.

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To MCI Chairman Michael Towell,

Re: Proposed FCC Fedia Consolidation Rule Broadcast Ownership-Docket O2-277.

I ask that the FGC not allow the new policy of licensing, licensees monopoly-like multi-media ownership.

News content would adversely be affected as a result of political bias and easily manipulated ,as would be the marketing of consumer products. Manipulation by audio and visual inserts, by subliminal or overt means would be made too available. Such programming is psychologically effective on the consumer, as is the technique of overlaying visual frames during one or more channel broadcasts.

Furthermore controlled content reporting would often be their only means of news imput. Consumers have the right to hear diverse commentary and to make individual resoning based on all of the facts, whis can only be had where there is a variety of reporting from a variety of stations. Please vote not to allow concloubrate media or muti- media ownership.

Sincerely,

Puazay Jackson

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Contined RECEIVED & INSPECTED MAY 2 8 2003 Distribution Center Hon. Michael Powell, FCC legislation that will allow the further monopolies such as clear Channel from acquiring further ownership of the media. Such monopolies Shut out alternative voices that allow our democracy to function. Need I remind you that dissent is what brought us such things as the Voters rights act, women's right to vote and the civil rights act, Please exercise your power

to help preserve our démocracy.

Thank you Melissa Hafez 1087 San Luis Rd Berkeley Ca 94707 RECEIVED & INSPECTED

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Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Honorable Powell:

I know you are a very busy man so I will make this note short.

There is a movement underway that would pave the way for giant media conglomerates to have a monopoly to control radio and television news and information in communities across our nation. Many of the corporations that are now lobbying the FCC to relax these ownership rules already have a known track record in attempting to keep opposing viewpoints off the air.

The American people deserve to hear more than one point of view on important issues so I am asking you NOT to relax the broadcast ownership rules that protect American citizens like myself from media monopolies.

Thank you very much for taking your time to read my note.

Very Sincerely,

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